countries, operation of the international monetary system, the funding of international financial institutions and the situation in Africa. They also recognized the interdependence of the industrialized and the developing countries and reaffirmed their willingness to conduct their relations with developing countries in a spirit of goodwill and cooperation.

The CMEA Summit issued a "Statement on the Main Directions of Further Developing and Deepening the Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation of CMEA Member States" and a 'Declaration of the Member-countries of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance: Maintenance of peace and International Economic Cooperation". The CMEA Summit had as a focus of attention means to strengthen the mutual economic relations of the CMEA countries and strengthen further socialist economic integration. It also dealt with relations with developing countries. The CMEA Declaration called attention to the dire situation of the developing countries and reaffirmed the firm intention of CMEA countries to develop fruitful trade, economic, scientific and technical contacts with developing countries and to do what they can to render economic and technical assistance to states which have won freedom and independence. The CMEA Declaration also supported the efforts of developing countries to restructure international economic relations and to bring in a new International economic order.

India and the nonaligned and other developing countries have always supported the objective of strengthening cooperation between the developed and developing countries. This objective has been endorsed by both the summits; what is required is the elaboration of concrete measures to deal with the problems of developing countries. It must, however, be borne in mind that exchanges between the developing countries, individually and collectively, are different as between them and the Industrialised on the one hand, and the Socialist countries on the other.

Defection of IFS official at Osla ..

1066. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:
SHRI BHIM RAJ:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian diplomat belonging to the Indian Foreign Service posted at Oslo has defected;

(b) whether Government have now dismissed him from service;

(c) whether Government have sought his extradition from Norway; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Normalisation in Persian Gulf Region

†††††1067. SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what fresh initiative has been taken by India as the Chair person of the Non-Aligned Movement to bring about normalisation in the Persian Gulf region; and

(b) whether any initiative has been taken by the Government of India outside the context of the Non-Aligned Movement in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) The Prime Minister as Chairperson of the Non-aligned Movement has been in touch with the Presidents of Iran and Iraq, and

†††††Previously unstarred question No. 571, transferred from the 27th July, 1984.